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Central Washington University
General Education Committee
March 9, 2009
Minutes

Present: Bobby Cummings, Duane Dowd, Aaron Montgomery, Sharon Rosell, Patsy Callaghan, Scott Carlton, Sheryl Grunden, Caitlin Baldwin, Gregory Brown, and Maya Chachava

Absent: Cynthia Coe, George Senekhan, Chad Wassell and John Alsoszatai-Petheo

Guests: None

Meeting was convened by Aaron Montgomery at 2:04 p.m.

Changes to the agenda – none

Minutes for February 23, 2009 Bobby moved to approve the minutes, Sharon seconded. Approved with minor (typographical) changes.

Announcements – Provost Council request (from Tracy Pellet) and Aaron's response. Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting involving credit requirements.

Letter to Faculty – some suggested changes regarding the proposal contain a discussion of an impact statement.

Breadth Requirements – Duane moved, and Caitlin seconded a proposal that we require 3 Natural Science courses, 2 Social and Behavioral Science courses, 2 Aesthetic courses, and 2 Humanities courses. Subject to the condition that at least one Natural Science course includes a lab component and that courses within each category must be taken from different departments. Discussion ensued about how this will affect total credits required in the program and how this will affect decisions concerning integrated learning and cultural competency. Motion was called to question and was approved.

Petitions – Sheryl asked for clarification on dealing with petitions that involve substituting 300 or 400 level courses for General Education courses (usually as a post-hoc substitution late in the student's program). No motion was made, however, it was informally agreed that 400 level courses were inappropriate and that 300 level courses should be allowed only after careful scrutiny (since it would allow students to circumvent the rules).

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting April 6, 2009.